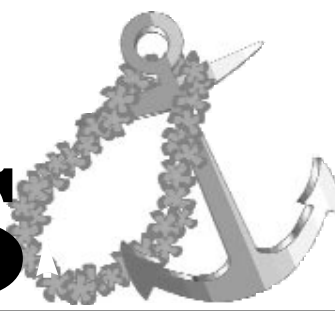


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## IN BRIEF

### CPO Selectees hold car washes

The Chief Petty Officer (CPO) Selectees for 2000 are conducting fundraising car washes on the following days:

- Aug. 13, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Halsey Terrace Mini Mart

- Aug. 20, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Public Works Center (across the street from the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange and Commissary)

- Aug. 25, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Naval Station Pearl Harbor Security parking lot.

- Sep. 8, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Naval Station Pearl Harbor Security parking lot.

Other CPO Selectee fundraising events are soon to come. Continue to read Hawaii Navy News and watch the Navy channel (Ch. 2) for more information.

### Sundowner social hour

The Sundowner social hour takes place at the Rainbow Bay Marina restaurant every Friday night starting at 4 p.m. It is open to all hands.

Free pupus and specials are offered. For more information, call 473-1815.

### NEX

#### Autoworld car show

The first annual NEX Autoworld car show and sound off will take place on Aug. 12 from 9 a.m. to noon, at the SUBASE Autoworld. Cast your vote for your favorite vehicles at this special event.

All participants and spectators are eligible to enter a drawing to win a free set of Michelin tires.

While you're there, check out the new Autoworld Performance Shop and enter to win a \$50 gift certificate towards a purchase at the shop. For more information on Navy Exchange activities, call 423-3369.

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## Prevent fires in Navy family housing

By Karen Spangler

NAVY REGION HAWAII

A picture is worth a thousand words. Seeing a photo graphically depicting the damage caused by a fire serves as a strong reminder that fire is deadly and destructive.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars in Navy property go up in smoke each year as the result of fires in family housing. The majority of these fires are caused by carelessness or negligence - a lack of attention to "common sense" details.

Three homes in Navy family housing at Pearl City were recently damaged, two of them extensively. The fire is still under investigation. Five units from the Honolulu Fire Department and three Federal Fire Department units responded to the alarm and brought the fire under control within minutes. There were no injuries. There was considerable loss of property, both government property and personal belongings of the residents. But the situation could have been

much worse.

So far this year, there have been five fires that have resulted in damages in Navy family housing on Oahu. Fires due to unattended cooking comprised about half of this total. This correlates with fire statistics for Navy family housing nationwide, showing that about 52 percent of fires are the result of unattended cooking.

Approximately 15 percent of fires in Navy family housing are caused by electrical problems. The remaining 33 percent of housing fires usually fall into the following categories: set by children, unattended candles, barbecue grills, cigarettes/cigarette ashes, fuel leaks, vehicle fires, arson and contractor operations.

Most fires are the result of carelessness. One incident involved a Navy wife who left a frying pan of chicken cooking on the stove while she went to the store. She returned to find the fire department and police at her home as smoke and flames billowed out the windows of the dwelling. Another housing resident left a pot of food cooking on the stove

and went to an upstairs bathroom to take a bath. She was abruptly interrupted by the shrill noise emitted by the smoke alarm detector and ran downstairs to find a kitchen fire raging. These types of situations occur often, but could have easily been avoided.

Keep in mind that more fires occur in the kitchen than in any other room in the house. Food should never be left cooking and unattended. Hot cooking oil or grease is especially volatile and ignites spontaneously when it reaches 400 degrees. The danger sign is when it starts to smoke. Be certain that dishcloths and paper towels are kept away from stove burners.

Despite the cautions about young children playing with matches and lighters, it still happens frequently. One Navy father left his matches and cigarettes on the coffee table in the living room. His five-year-old son decided to experiment with the matches and took them to his bedroom. He lit a match and when it burned his finger, he quickly dropped it onto his mattress and it started a fire. Luckily,

his father smelled smoke and quickly doused the flames before there was extensive damage.

Cigarettes are another major culprit in starting fires. Although we have repeatedly heard the cautions about smoking in bed, some people still follow this habit. Lighted cigarettes dropped on bedding or carpeting after the smokers fall asleep have caused numerous fires. Don't smoke in bed.

One Sailor's wife disposed of an ashtray of cigarette ashes in a waste can and then went for a walk. Her neighbor called the fire department when she spotted smoke coming from the windows and was unable to gain access to the house. The ashes that had been put into the waste can were still "hot" and quickly caught the contents of the receptacle on fire.

Outdoor grills are another source of fires in housing. According to the housing Resident Handbook, grills should only be used outside and no

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## Sittin' pretty



JOC(sel) Gerard Sekerak photo

USS Croomelin (FFG 37) pierside at Naval Station's Merry Point at the end of the day. Croomelin will join USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60), USS Fletcher (DD 992) and DESRON 31, which are scheduled to leave Pearl Harbor for a six-month deployment the end of August.

## Islands have 'dress rehearsal' for hurricane

By Karen Spangler

NAVY REGION HAWAII

Island residents watched - and waited - as Tropical Storm Daniel churned its way toward our paradise in the Pacific. As Daniel's path veered closer, Oahu was placed under a tropical storm watch, then a tropical storm warning as the storm continued to track toward Hawaii.

If you hadn't already heeded guidelines to be ready for hurricane season, you probably made a trip to the store about that time - only to discover that many essential items were either nonexistent or in short supply.

Within the last few hours, Daniel suddenly changed course and island residents breathed a sigh of relief. It was only a "dress rehearsal" - this time - but it forced islanders to face the reality that a hurricane can indeed visit the islands at anytime and with little warning.

For those island residents who had not already prepared for a hurricane, it was a "wake-up call."

"Honestly, we really didn't get ready before. We had some items on hand," said Brandi Trice, whose husband, Petty Officer 2nd Class Nathaniel Trice, is assigned to Naval Shipyard and IMF. "It was kind of a wake-up call. When we heard the warning, we went to the store

and picked up batteries, bottled water, nonperishable foods," she explained.

"We have lots of candles. And we are definitely prepared now," she said. The Trices and their two children have been Hawaii residents for about three and a



half years and like many others, just didn't expect a hurricane to come here. Speaking of the close brush with Tropical Storm Daniel, Brandi said, "I'm just glad nothing came of it."

Chief Aviation Electronics Technician

Michael Fisher, who had done some planning and hurricane preparation, said, "I'm ready. I have pretty much everything I need."

Although it is now well into hurricane season here in Hawaii, it isn't time to let down your guard and stop worrying. There is still plenty of time for a visit from one of the dangerous storms.

You have formulated a disaster plan and by now, you and your family are quite familiar with it. You know exactly what to do in the event of an emergency. Your family will cope best if they are prepared for disaster before it strikes.

If you haven't already gathered what you need for your Disaster Kit, do it - now.

Remember, there are six basics that you should stock for your home: water, food, first aid supplies, clothing and bedding, tools and emergency supplies, and special items. Keep enough supplies in your home to meet you and your family's needs for at least three days. You should also assemble supplies that you will need if you have to evacuate. A complete list of essential supplies can be viewed on Commander Navy Region Hawaii's web site at [www.hawaii.navy.mil](http://www.hawaii.navy.mil).

When a hurricane threatens, you will have to decide whether you should evac-

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## Submarine Squadron One changes command

By JO3 McClain Shewman

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Capt. Richard Snead relieved Capt. David McCall as Commander, Submarine Squadron One (COMSUBRON ONE) on Friday, in a change-of-command ceremony held onboard USS Greeneville (SSN 772).

Rear Adm. Al Konetzni, Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, who served as guest speaker, said, "Being commodore of one of these squadrons is probably the most demanding assignment we have in the Navy today.

"They are responsible for providing guidance and training, while keeping an ear to the ground to determine the pulse—the heartbeat of each submarine. You have to know the capability of the CO and crew, know the morale level, know their future plans and goals, know their families, and know their problems. Under the leadership of Dave McCall, an impressive cadre of submarine commanding officers moved through the paces of inspections and operations with unprecedented success," added Konetzni.

McCall, squadron commander from August 1998 to August 2000, will report to Submarine Warfare Division, in Washington D.C. for his next tour. "I have been privileged to work with some of the finest individuals this nation has to offer," said McCall.

"[Squadron staff] strengths have been magnified by the sum of all their talents and I have never seen a group of individuals so capable of getting out in front of issues; so that problems are kept to a minimum allowing the ship's to keep their eye on the ball," added McCall.

Capt. Snead takes over COMSUBRON ONE having previously served as commanding officer of USS Oklahoma City (SSN 723). McCall was the first commanding officer of USS Seawolf (SSN 21).